

# **MFC STATE SAFETY COUNCIL MEETING**

April 14, 2005

Southern Regional Training Center, Pearl, MS

Members present: Danny Bryant, Robbie Gill, Danny Moore, Jim Edwards, Greg Chatham, Doug VanDevander, Mark Hamilton, John M. Graham and Bob Ponder

Guest: Trent Griffin

## **Introduction and Welcome - Danny Bryant**

Danny opened the meeting by introducing himself and welcoming everyone to the new Training Center.

Round the table introduction of everyone present.

Danny gave a general overview of the new training center procedures and calendar.

## **Old Business**

Reviewed previous meeting minutes and had a brief discussion on each of the old topics.

Topics from the old minutes carried over for further discussion at the next meeting are:

- (1) Nomex - Who is entitled to receive new nomex.
  - (A) New employees who do not have any.
  - (B) Old employees who can show proof that all of their nomex is worn out. Old nomex must be turned in before new nomex can be issued.
- (2) Tower sites – In the past the sale of tower sites was brought up and a list was to be sent in to Andy Taylor for the ones to be sold. Due to negotiations in the state office with a company about the use of the sites this has been put on hold.
- (3) Uniforms-
  - (A) Should boots be a part of the uniform that money is provided by the Commission.
  - (B) Should we change the color of the uniforms so that jeans (blue) can be used so that we keep a more uniform look after the provided clothes wear out.
  - (C) maybe have a 100% cotton T-shirt in the colors of orange, dark green or tan.
  - (D) If boots are allowed to be purchased as part of employee allowance for uniforms do not use one vendor.

Acceptance of old minutes by the council was approved.

### Safety Accident Report

Danny Bryant went over the accident report with the council.

### New Business

Officers were asked to stay on until at least July 2006 (depending on new district lines and approval by supervisors for each member to stay on council).

Discussed the number of representatives from each district after realignment. Two (2) members from each district were agreed on. The District forester will decide on who the two representatives will be.

Safety Coordinator – Danny Bryant

After action reviews or tailgate session - Try to always have a tailgate session or review session after fire actions.

Always think and try and be safe.

S. E. D. – No new business

Seed orchard – No new business

ECD- Robbie stated he would like to see about getting short battery for radios to cut down on weight that the men have to carry.

NED – No new business

Purchasing- Bob stated the State office is working on a portable sign to put in some of the trucks for safety and promotional reasons. Slogan is being worked on. Signs to say something like, Mississippi Forestry Commission at work. Nothing that ties the commission to liability but to show we are at work. The second purpose of signs are for safety to the parked trucks. Signs are visible up to a mile away. Size of sign will be either 36" X 36" or 48" X 48".

Also if you have any little items that works good for you in your area and would like to pass information on. Contact purchasing and Bob will let the other areas know and will try to find a good price on these item.

NWD- No new business

SCD- No new business

EMS- Danny Moore suggested the use of plastic drop lines over the use of metal type drop lines. This is to reduce the chance of someone being burned from the heat of the metal.

Spring is here and the wasp are gathering, please be aware of your surrounding and know if any of your workers are allergic to wasp or anything.

#### Open discussion topics

Hardhat Incentive Plan: Is it still in effect. Yes! Why don't we promote the program and get the personnel recognized. Show recognition in our paper, Inside the Bark.

Morale meals – Can we provide a meal that the commission will assume cost. If a meeting is called and an agenda and list of names are provided a meal can be provided with cost paid for by the commission. This must meet certain requirements. First the District Forester must approve. Who must in turn have approval from Everard Baker. Bob is going to check with Everard to make sure this is still correct.

Check on supplies for First aid for wasp strings and other allergic reactions.

#### Safety Council check list

- (1) Share ideas
- (2) Encourage safe attitude
- (3) Situational Awareness
- (4) Tailgate meetings – very important
- (5) After Action Review – very important
- (6) Safety Manuals
- (7) Email safety topics to Danny Bryant, Safety Coordinator

Next Schedule Meeting is July 21, 2005

Close April Safety Council Meeting.